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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all the prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 23, further comprising: determining a default spread $s(t)$ for a time $t = T$ using at least an equation mathematically equivalent to:

$$s(T) = -\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)\ln(B(T)).$$

22. (currently amended) A method according to claim 23, further comprising: determining a normalized probability of no default $Z(t)$ for a time $t = T$, wherein $B(T)$ is $B(t)$ evaluated at time $t = T$, and $B(0)$ is $B(t)$ evaluated at time $t = 0$, using at least an equation mathematically equivalent to:

$$Z(T) = \frac{B(T)}{B(0)}.$$

23. (currently amended) A method at least partially implemented in a computer for determining a company's probability of no default over a time period between $t = 0$ and $t = T$ comprising:

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determining a standard deviation σ^*_s of past share prices in the company;

determining a current share price S_0 of the shares in the company

determining a given share price S^* of the shares in the company;

determining a debt per share D of the shares in the company;

determining a expected debt recovery fraction $\overline{L}$;

determining a percentage deviation λ in the expected debt recovery fraction $\overline{L}$;

and

determining and displaying $B(T)$ as the company's probability of no default

between $t = 0$ and $t = T$ using at least σ^*_s, S_0, S^*, D, $\overline{L}$ and λ with equations mathematically

equivalent to:

$$d = \frac{(S_0 + \overline{L}D)\exp(\lambda^2)}{\overline{L}D};$$

$$A_T^2 = \left(\sigma^*_s S^* / (S^* + \overline{L}D)\right)^2 T + \lambda^2; and$$

$$B(T) = N\left[\frac{\ln(d)}{A_T} - 0.5A_T\right] - d * N\left[-\frac{\ln(d)}{A_T} - 0.5A_T\right],$$

wherein N is a cumulative normal distribution function.

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